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| In re application of:      | ) |                                      |
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| Application No.:           | ) | Art Unit: <i>unassigned</i>          |
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| Filed: <i>herewith</i>     | ) |                                      |
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| For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR | ) | <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>        |
| ELECTROSURGICAL CUTTING    | ) | <b>STATEMENT UNDER</b>               |
| AND ABLATION               | ) | <b><u>37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98</u></b> |
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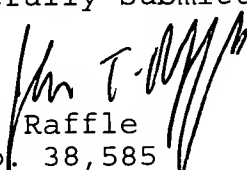
Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of each can be found in parent Application No. 08/795,686 filed February 5, 1997.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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